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Union Grove, WI
Quarterly Issues/Programming Report for Quarter 3/2016

During this quarter, this station gave particular attention to the issues listed in the following report. These issues are not listed in order of importance and it should be noted that the station may have also aired other programming that was responsive to the community's informational needs.

(Each newscast contains a continuous segment of news stories running between :30 and 1:30 in length. Programs with interviews list interview segment times)

ISSUE: Heritage House Project Stalls

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 07/05/16 5:10 AM

Description: Following financing challenges, the Gorman & Co. project aimed at turning the old Heritage House on Eighth Avenue into a boutique hotel has been stalled. Developers were hoping to finance the \$20 million project in part with \$2 million from a federal program called Property Assessed Clean Energy, which requires approval from the county. The county has not approved the program, and Gorman is no longer pursuing that avenue. As a result, the situation has slowed down their timeline. The construction of the hotel is expected to spur investment in the surrounding area.

ISSUE: Somers/Paris Land Deal Lawsuit

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 7/5/16 7:10 AM

Description: The attorney representing town residents upset with the Paris-Somers land-sharing agreement filed a motion for a partial summary judgment, and said he believes there are two possible outcomes: the judge orders a referendum vote by the parties in the affected area, or the intergovernmental agreement is "terminated." He said the former is much more likely. The agreement — on hold under a temporary restraining order — includes transferring some 2,500 acres along the west side of Interstate 94 from Paris to Somers. The agreement focuses on future development of the property in the hot I-94 corridor.

ISSUE: Paris Town Board Recall

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 7/13/16 6:10 AM

Description: Supporters of a recall of the Paris Town Board failed to force a new election. The recall effort began after town officials supported a controversial agreement with the Village of Somers which defines the boundary between the two municipalities. Nearly 300 hundred signatures were collected to recall each of the board's three members.

ISSUE: Transgender student sues KUSD

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 7/20/16 7:35 AM

Description: A transgender student has filed a federal lawsuit alleging a Wisconsin school district won't let him use the boy's restrooms and repeatedly uses his female birth name. The Transgender Law

Center and the civil rights law firm Relman, Dane and Colfax PLLC filed the lawsuit in Milwaukee Tuesday against the Kenosha school district. The lawsuit alleges 16-year-old Ashton Whitaker was designated a girl on his birth certificate but identifies as a boy. The district has discriminated against him by denying him access to boys' restrooms and directing staff to monitor his restroom usage. The lawsuit also alleges teachers call him by his female birth name and he has to wear a green wristband so staff can easily monitor his bathroom use. An injunction in the case currently allows Whitaker equal access to the restroom.

ISSUE: Dream Playground One Step Closer to Reopening

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 7/26/16 6:35 AM

Description: The Kenosha Dream Playground, which is a handicapped accessible playground, will be reopened after the City of Kenosha approved a \$650,000 fix for the rubberized surface. According to deputy city attorney Matthew Knight, the city is confident that Bluemel's will complete the project to "everyone's satisfaction," but he could not comment on the new contract. The 15,000-square-foot, \$1 million playground opened in October as the city's first fully accessible playground. More than 3,000 volunteers worked to raise money for the project.

ISSUE: Body of baby boy in 1989 Wisconsin cold case to be exhumed

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 8/2/16 7:05 AM

Description: Authorities exhumed the body of a newborn baby who was found dead nearly 27 years ago. The Kenosha County Sheriff's Office said that detectives have developed a person of interest in the cold case and want to obtain DNA evidence. Trappers found the boy's body beneath the Des Plaines River Bridge in the Town of Paris on Nov. 9, 1989. An autopsy determined the baby was born alive and his death was ruled a homicide. The sheriff's office says the case was reopened about a year ago when new information became available. The infant, named Baby John Doe, was buried in a cemetery in the Town of Randall.

ISSUE: Jensen Trial Will Remain in Kenosha

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 8/3/16

Description: Mark Jensen's new trial will remain in Kenosha County. Jensen's public defender has declined to file a change of venue motion which would move the trial to a different location. Instead the defense will judge during jury selection whether or not a potential juror has been unduly influenced about the case due to the large amount of media attention it has received since Julie Jensen was found poisoned in 1998. Jensen was previously convicted of his wife's murder in 2008 based on a letter allegedly written by Julie Jensen implicating her husband if she were to be killed. The conviction was overturned based on the letter being inadmissible. It's unclear if the new trial will revolve around that same evidence. The new trial is expected to take place next year.

ISSUE: Somers Can't Use Lake Michigan Water

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 8/9/16 7:05 AM

Description: A legal challenge has surfaced for officials in the village of Somers and the town of Paris

who voted in favor of an intergovernmental agreement that transfers town land near Interstate 94 to the village. The state Department of Natural Resources in June revoked a Great Lakes water diversion approval it issued to Somers in 2010. This not only prevents the village from using the water it would gain through annexation under the agreement, but also limits it from providing water to its current residents. Officials from both communities relied on the diversion approval in making the decision to enter into the agreement.

ISSUE: New Football Stadium Name

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 8/11/16 7:35 AM

Description: Within four hours of the Kenosha Unified School Board's vote to name the new Bradford High School stadium after Rev. Olen Arrington Jr., alumni were signing a petition online at change.org to overturn the decision. By 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, the petition had drawn more than 1,000 signatures from supporters. A 3-2 vote Tuesday by the School Board set aside a 12-4 vote by the district's 20-member ad hoc naming committee, which had recommended the stadium match the school's namesake: Mary D. Bradford. Arrington received three committee votes. The board voted to rescind the name and call the facility Mary D Bradford Stadium

ISSUE: Mayor Antaramian Reveals Upcoming Projects

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 8/16/16 7:35 AM

Description: A new downtown parking ramp and the continued development of the former Chrysler Engine Plant site are two projects being proposed by Mayor John Antaramian. Projects include an \$8 million dollar parking ramp to be located on vacant land east of the Kenosha Post Office, reconstruction of 22nd Ave. from 75th St. north to 50th St. and continued development of the former Chrysler Engine Plant site with streets and utilities to be built and installed in 2018. The projects would be paid for through a variety of sources, including tax incremental financing.

ISSUE: KTECH Parking Woes Continue

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 8/30/16 8:35 AM

Description: Residents around the KTEC West campus are bracing for the traffic jam that develops when kids are released at the end of the school day. The area around the school, near 32nd avenue and 57th street, are congested around the 3:20 PM release time as parents attempt to pick up their children. One proposed solution to the problem would be a widening of the roadway and adding a turn around lot, however neither the city nor the district is prepared to contribute to the 300-thousand dollar price tag to make that project a reality. The city plans to paint the roadways near the curb around the school so that "NO PARKING" areas can be more easily enforced. The former McKinley Middle School hosts 700 students at the enhanced curriculum school, 150 more than last school year. Improvements to the situation are planned for next year.

ISSUE: Kenosha to Consider "Super Station"

Program Name: Morning Show

Air Date: 9/14/16 7:35 AM

Description: The city of Kenosha could get a "super fire station" next year. Two fire stations would

close and merge into a “super” station at the shuttered Bain Elementary School on 52nd St. The two stations considered for closure are Station 3, on Roosevelt Road, and Station 5, on Washington Road. According to Ald. Rocco LaMacchia, chairman of the Public Safety & Welfare Committee, said Station 5 is not able to accommodate large fire trucks and is in desperate need of repair. The Public Works Committee will take up the plan this evening. It is expected to cost millions of dollars. The city has applied for a federal loan to help fund the project.